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FEDERAL FUGITIVE APPREHENDED

Little Rock, AR –United States Attorney Bud Cummins, William C. Temple, Special Agent in Charge of the Little Rock Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Stuart Thomas, Chief of the Little Rock Police Department announced that Tuesday, September 13, 2005, at approximately 7:30 p.m., law enforcement officers with the Little Rock Police Department and Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation apprehended federal fugitive Bobby Glenn Banks a/k/a "Big C." who was found hiding in the crawl space of a residence located at 5805 Windamere Drive in Little Rock. This residence was the home of Banks' girlfriend and co-defendant, Katrina Harshaw.

In December 2004, Banks was indicted as the leader/organizer of a large scale drug trafficking organization responsible for distributing both crack cocaine and powder cocaine in the Little Rock metropolitan area. After his initial arrest in December 2004, Banks was released to home incarceration pending trial. On June 5, 2005, Banks absconded and remained a fugitive until his apprehension last night.

Cummins stated that the discovery of Banks was the result of information developed by the FBI and Little Rock Police Department METROCK Task Force officers. Based on this and other information, a federal search warrant was obtained for the Windamere residence. While searching the house yesterday evening, officers discovered a door to a crawl space in the bathroom. A canine was disbursed and the dog quickly located Banks hiding in the crawl space area. Both Banks and Harshaw were then taken into federal custody.

"I have asked all of our law enforcement partners to aggressively pursue any person who is a fugitive in violation of the Court's orders," Cummins stated. "Based on his charges, this individual is a clear danger to the community and should not be walking around. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and Little Rock Police Department are to be commended for pulling him out of his hole. He and the

woman who harbored him will pay a price for their flagrant disregard for the court's authority over them."

Cummins also expressed thanks and appreciation to the Little Rock Police Department for assisting with the execution of the search warrant. Cummins anticipates that his office will file additional charges against both Banks and Harshaw.

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